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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF US INVOLVEMENT IN DEATH OF ALDO MORO

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1. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY FROM ANSA NEWS AGENCY, EMBASSY
PRESS ATTACHE RELEASED PREPARED STATEMENT (REFTEL, PARA EIGHT).
STATEMENT QUOTED IN MOST OF TODAY'S PAPERS, GENERALLY
IN CONTEXT FRONT-PAGE STORIES ON RECENT CALLS BY SOME
POLITICAL LEADERS FOR A PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION OF
MORO CASE. ORIGINALLY ADVANCED BY GADFLY DC LEFT-WING DEPUTY
FRANCANZANI, A SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY HAS BEEN
ENDORSED BY THE REPUBLICANS, LEBERALS, AND MANCINI IN
THE SOCIALIST PARTY. DC AND PCI LEADERS APPEAR COOL TO THE
IDEA AND HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THEGOVERNMENT IS ALREADY
UNDERTAKING AN ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE.
THE PANORAMA ARTICLE ALLEGING US INVOLVEMENT IN MORO'S DEATH
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WAS EVIDENTLY TIMED TO ADD FUEL TO A GROWING POLITICAL CONTROVERSY.

2. AUGUST 3 PRESS STORIES ALSO QUOTE DENIAL BY UNDER SECRETARY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANGELO SANZA (DC DEPUTY) OF STATEMENTS
ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN PANORAMA STORY. ACCORDING TO PANORAMA,
SANZA HAD COMMENTED THAT THE BEHAVIOUR OF MANY PEOPLE IN THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY DURING THE MORO AFFAIR WAS STRANGELY COLD,

RESERVED AND "HERMETICALLY ISOLATED."

3. SANZA INTERESTINGLY TOOK INITIATIVE TO CALL EMBASSY OFFICER, POINTING OUT HIS DISTRESS OVER PANORAMA MISCHIEVIOUSNESS AND STATING HE HAD ISSUED A FLAT DENIAL OF STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM. HE INDICATED THAT DC SECRETARIAT WAS HIGHLY DISTURBED BY PANORAMA STORY, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF HELPFUL ATTITUDE BY USG DURING MORO AFFAIR*

4. INCHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH EMBOFF AUGUST 3, INTERIOR MINISTER ROGNONI ALSO EXPRESSED CHAGRIN OVER PANORAMA ALLEGATIONS.HOLMES

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